



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP AF
Akihito Kusano et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3683
Application No.: 10/807,351)	Examiner: MELODY M BURCH
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For: VEHICLE HYDRAULIC BRAKE DEVICE)	

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 2, 2007, favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

At the outset, the undersigned expresses appreciation to Examiner Burch for her time and attention during the interview conducted at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 23, 2007. The remarks below discuss the substance of the interview.

The claims currently pending in this application are Claims 1-9, with Claims 1-3 being the only independent claims. Claim 7-9 remain withdrawn from further consideration as being directed to the non-elected species.

As discussed during the interview, the independent claims in this application define a hydraulic brake device comprising, in combination with the other claimed features, a first proportional solenoid valve, a second proportional solenoid valve and a check valve provided in parallel to the second proportional solenoid valve. The independent claims further define the positioning of the first and second proportional